

HOUSE No. 1971

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul J. Donato

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to municipal relief.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Paul J. Donato

Stanley C. Rosenberg

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

35th Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO MUNICIPAL RELIEF.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the city council of a city may, on
2 recommendation of the mayor, transfer within the last 2 months of fiscal years 2009, 2010 and 2011, any
3 amount appropriated for the use of any department to the appropriation for any other department. In a
4 town, the selectmen or town council, with the concurrence of the finance committee or other entity
5 established under section 16 of chapter 39 of the General Laws, may transfer within the last 2 months of
6 fiscal years 2009, 2010 and 2011 any amount appropriated for the use of any department to the
7 appropriation for any other department. Transfers under this section may not exceed, in the aggregate, 3
8 per cent of the annual budget of the department from which the transfer is made. A transfer under this
9 section shall not be made from any appropriation for a municipal light department under chapter 164 of
10 the General Laws or for a school district as defined in section 2 of chapter 70 of the General Laws.